Integrated Watershed Management in the Catchments of Flood Prone Rivers etc. in which individual farmers are benefited through an area development approach.

The schemes benefit various categories of farmers including small and marginal farmers. There is no comprehensive Special Support Programme for small farmers. However, a small Farmer Agri-Business Consortium has been set up to develop agro-business activities, which would provide better returns to small and marginal farmers through backward/forward linkages.

Dislocated Academic Schedules

1454. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to regularise the dislocated academic and examination schedules in the North Indian Campuses; and

(b) if so, whether Government have a comprehensive report on the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) University Grants Commission (UGC) had circulated a Model Academic Calendar in July, 89 for implementation by universities from the academic year 1990-91. The model academic calendar, inter-alia, provides for a minimum of 180 teaching days every year, last date of admission, last date of completion of examination and declaration of results. UGC has been requesting all universities to adopt the Model Academic Calendar. However, examination schedules are sometimes dislocated due to certain factors beyond the control of the universities, such as natural calamities, law & order situation, agitation, etc.

Establishment of Agricultural Unversity in Kutch Region

1455. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish new Agriculture University in Kutch region of Gujarat;

(b) whether any request to this effect from the State Government is pending with the Union Government;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Question does not arise.

Timings of Shatabdi Express Running Between Bokaro and Calcutta

1456. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that presently one Shatabdi Express is running between Bokaro and Calcutta;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the timings of Shatabdi Express are not suitable from Bokaro Steel City;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal with the Government to start Shatabdi Express in the morning from Bokaro to Calcutta and in the evening from Calcutta to Bokaro;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ: (a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) and (d) : Do not arise.